

24. (amended) An ink jet printer comprising:

a container configured to hold ink;

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a first coupling component of a duplex coupler formed to the container, the duplex coupler having a poppet configured to discontinue flow through the duplex coupler when the duplex coupler is uncoupled;

a reservoir configured to receive ink from the container;

a complimentary second coupling component of the duplex coupler formed to the reservoir;
and

wherein the first coupling component is configured to meet with the second coupling component, so as to mitigate leakage of ink.

27. (amended) A method for operating an ink jet printer, the method comprising:

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providing a container configured to hold ink, the container having a first coupling component of a duplex coupler formed thereto, the duplex coupler having a poppet configured to discontinue flow through the duplex coupler when the duplex coupler is uncoupled;

providing a reservoir configured to receive ink from the container, the reservoir having a complimentary second coupling component of the duplex coupler formed thereto; and

attaching the second coupling component of the reservoir to the first coupling component of the container such that the poppet of the duplex coupler is depressed so as to facilitate a flow of ink from the container to the reservoir.